

REPORTING THE STATE OF AN  
APPARATUS TO A REMOTE COMPUTER

Abstract

5       The state of an apparatus is reported to a remote computer using an embedded device in the apparatus. The embedded device detects the state, generates a message that reports the state using a self-describing computer language, and sends the message to the remote computer.

10      The remote computer receives the message and extracts the state of the embedded device from the message.

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